



Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes December 4, 2017

“Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries reach out with active concern to those in need.”

Present: Linda Belkowski, Deborah Bowers, Michael Crownover, Sharon Ellis, Judy Koenings, Bill Latus, Arleen Mantel, Anne Meyer, Karen Papador, Pat Sievers, Deacon Sandy Sites, Karen Spivey, Mark Steimle

Absent: None

Welcome by Linda Belkowski

Opening Prayer led by Michael Crownover

(November 2017 minutes were approved by consensus via e-mail)

Parish Director Report – Deacon Sandy Sites

Update on Weekend Mass Schedule

To date we have received 318 responses via email and paper ballots with 81% voting yes, 19% voting no, to going to one Sunday mass at 9:30 beginning June 2018.

Town Hall Meeting – Linda Belkowski, Bill Latus, Deacon Sandy Sites

Town Hall Meetings will be held January 11 (Thursday evening at 7:00) and January 13 (Saturday morning at 9:00). Format will be a total of 90 minutes with Prayer – State of the Parish Report – Council & Commission Reports – then open discussion with parishioners. Committee (Deacon Sandy, 2 from Finance Council, 2 from Parish Council) will meet Thursday, December 7 at 11:00 in Deacon Sandy’s office to work out details of the planning. The final agenda will be sent to all Council members after the December 7 agenda meeting.

Monthly Reports

Communications Discussion: All commissions are asked to develop minutes suitable for sharing, and are asked to send those minutes to the Parish Council Secretary (currently Karen Spivey). The Parish Council Secretary will accumulate all minutes and send to all Council members by the end of the current month. Council members are to function as communications conduits both to and from Council to the Commissions.

Prayer & Worship Commission- Judy Koenings, Karen Spivey

Discussions surrounded the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Prayer & Worship and Stewardship Commissions will be collaborating in April to host hospitality after the masses.

Finance Council - Debbie Bowers, Arleen Mantel

Revenues are up by \$14,000, mostly due to the loose change challenge and the 60th anniversary appeal. No draws have been taken this fiscal year from the Eschweiler New Century Fund.

A parishioner donated 2 crypts at Wisconsin Memorial Park, which we will now be selling.

We will be having a memorial mass in March for former pastor Fr. Paul Daniels.

Bill, Sharon & Mark will be meeting to further the Standards of Excellence initiatives.

Hartfel House foundation still needs to be addressed.

Discussed personnel and additional financial issues. Parish "Financial Policies" are being updated.

Pastoral Council Formation - Linda Belkowski, Pat Sievers, Karen Spivey

See dates below.

Human Concerns Commission - Judy Koenings, Anne Meyer

Eileen Gibbs addressed the commission – looking for more quilters to join Quilts and More. They make 60-100 quilts per year.

Talked about guidelines for adding/removing groups for Combined Collections – changing from Guest House to The Cathedral Center?

Commission went on a retreat on Facing our Power & Privilege in a Stratified Culture.

Human Trafficking Meeting was held at the Menomonee Falls Library, which was well attended.

Christian Formation Commission - Michael Crownover, Karen Papador

Growing in Faith attendance grew from 67% to 84% (attendance of those who registered).

45 people attended Game Night in October.

College Care packages have been sent.

NCYC group attended meeting in Indianapolis.

Pastoral Care Commission - Debbie Bowers, Anne Meyer

Farmers Market was a success, having sold more than they did last year.

Stewardship Commission - Pat Sievers

Considering a magnet for distribution for parishioners with the Love in Action logo or perhaps just the word Pray that could hold the name of a family they will pray for during the ensuing year.

Stewardship will host hospitality on the 5th Sundays of the year.

Council Discernment - Debbie Bowers, Linda Belkowski, Judy Koenings, Anne Meyer

Debbie Bowers will be chairing this committee. Council Discernment packet should be distributed to all Pastoral Council members via weblink.

Pastoral Council Role/Focus – Linda Belkowski

Open discussion was held regarding Council role/focus.

Closing Prayer - All

Important Dates

12/09 – Communal Reconciliation 9:00 a.m. St. James

12/12 – Communal Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd

1/8/18 - Pastoral Council meeting

1/11/18 – Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

1/13/18 – Town Hall Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1/21/18 - Council Formation - "In the Spotlight" with Philip Chard

2/14/18 – Ash Wednesday

2/24/18 - Council Formation - "Lenten Morning of Reflection" 9a-12p

3/29-31/18 – Triduum

4/01/18 – Easter

6/02/18 - Pizza Party - after 4:30 Mass